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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION**

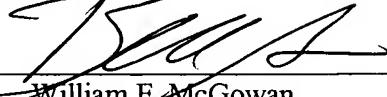
Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 16, 2004 requesting restriction between Groups I and II, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I (claims 1-10 and 12-20) with traverse. M.P.E.P. § 803 states that the two criteria for a proper requirement for restriction between patentably distinct inventions are 1) the inventions must be independent or distinct as claimed, and (2) there must be a serious burden on the Examiner if restriction is not required. Here, the Examiner has not shown that there would be a serious burden if restriction were not required. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the restriction requirement be withdrawn, and all pending claims be examined. Applicants await an action on the merits.

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Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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